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In re: Patent Application of Bernhard Gutsche *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1625  
Appln. No. 10/537,973 :  
Filed: June 9, 2005 : Examiner: Taylor V. Oh  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2007, in the above-identified Application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time, up to and including June 9, 2008 (June 7 was a Saturday), with an authorization to charge any additional authorized fees, submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending Claims, in view of the following amendments and remarks.